

State Of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawaii
January 12, 2007

Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

SUBJECT: Request from The Big Island Body Surfing Association and the Honolulu Body Surfing Club Use a Portion of the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area for a Body Surfing Contest

By letter dated December 5, 2006 (Exhibit A), Ms. Leona "Noni" Ells-Roberts, on behalf of the Big Island Body Surfing Association and the Honolulu Body Surfing Club, has requested the use of the south side of the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area (Event Site) to hold the 10th Annual Big Island Body Surfing Championships on Saturday, February 24, 2007.

The applicants anticipate a field of 30-40 contestants with four to seven divisions.

There will be an entry fee for the contest as well as T-shirt and event related items for sale on the day of the Event.

RECOMMENDATION:

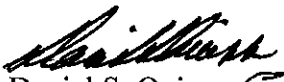
That the Board approve the issuance of a special use permit to the Big Island Body Surfing Association and the Honolulu Body Surfing Club to hold a body surfing contest (Event) on February 24, 2007 at the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area (Event Site) in accordance with the representations above-mentioned and subject to the following conditions whereby the Permittee shall:

1. be responsible for obtaining all applicable County of Hawaii and State of Hawaii permits including a water activities permit from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR);
2. procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, in full force and effect throughout the term of this special use permit, commercial general liability insurance, in an amount of at least \$500,000.00 for each occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate, with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of


Hawaii. The policy or policies of insurance shall name the State of Hawaii as an additional insured. The insurance shall cover the entire Event area, including all grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the Event area in the use or control of the Permittee;

3. waive any and all claims they may have against the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees, and agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees from any suits, actions and claims arising out of and in any way connected with the activities permitted under the permit;
4. not obstruct or unreasonably interfere with the general public in their normal use of the Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area, which includes the beach area and pavilions;
5. be responsible for the clean-up of the Event Site, the spectator area and parking lot at the completion of the competition;
6. be responsible for the monitoring, cleaning and stocking (i.e. toilet paper, etc.) of the south restroom during the hours of the Event;
7. pay a rental fee of \$100.00 per day for the Event, any pre-event set up and/or post event breakdown and clean-up;
8. understand that alcoholic beverages are prohibited and shall provide for its enforcement;
9. comply with any other conditions that may be imposed by the Department, the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson and/or rule revisions adopted prior to the commencement of the Event.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel S. Quinn
State Parks Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:


PETER T. YOUNG, Chairperson

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DLNR
Attention: Glen Taguchi
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December 5, 2006

Subject: Big Island Body Surfing Championships
Proposed Location: Hapuna Beach, South end
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2007.
Start: 7:30 A.M.

Dear Mr. Taguchi and to whom this matter may concern,

We would like to hold the 10th Annual Big Island Body Surfing Championships at Hapuna State Recreational Area, at the South end of the beach, on Saturday, February 24, 2007, starting around 7:30 A.M.

In case of beach closure due to high surf or high winds, we are considering Mau Mae, Manini o' Wale or Waipio as possible alternate sites. Your input on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

The Honolulu Bodysurfing Club will provide insurance coverage for the event.

I have contacted the Boating and Ocean Recreation Division of DLNR and am "in the process".

We would like to hold this upcoming tournament at Hapuna Beach because of the ease of access, bathroom facilities, parking and for safety reasons.

The past tournaments were held during the last weekend of February, mostly at Waipio Valley and a few at Hapuna's North end of the beach, near the Hapuna Prince Hotel.

Generally, about 30 to 40 contestants, from here and other islands around our State, from the mainland and occasionally a few from foreign countries have competed in our past tournaments.

Some were repeat contestants, but there have been different contestants every year so far.

Depending on the number of entries and their ages, we hope to have between 4 to 7 divisions as follows: 1. Keiki: girls and boys, 12 and under 2. Young Men: 13 - 20 3. Junior Men: 21 - 40 4. Senior Men: 41 and up 5. Young Women: 13 - 20

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6. Women: 21 and up 7. Open and Second Chance.

The last tournament's online-write-up has been included to show the divisions, etc.

Entry fees and forms, together with a release for media purposes and liability waiver to protect DLNR, County of Hawaii, the Club and its members, etc, are signed and collected. The last tournament's entry blank has been included as an example.

The contest usually runs with 4 contestants in the water per 15 to 20 minute heat with several judges rating rides accordingly on score sheets until all divisions are judged.

The winners from each division then compete for the coveted "Grand Champion" title.

An "expression-session" is held sometime in-between or after.

The results are then announced amid a torrent of prizes, trophies and good wishes.

The contest is usually completed by midday, but could last longer with more contestants and divisions.

During the course of the contest, we would like to sell T-shirts and other event-related items.

I have included last year's entry blank and online post-contest write-up with winners list.

We have been in contact with the Life Guards and they've assured us that they will be there and are always ready to support us.

We have a really good relationship with the Life saving community Statewide or quite possibly Worldwide, because body surfers save lives.

We hope that you will allow us to legitimize our contest so that we may honorably perpetuate our sport. We look forward to having a fun and memorable winter-event that may also serve to increase ocean awareness.

Please keep me informed about anything and everything that needs to be done in order to hold this event.

Sincerely,

Leona N. Roberts